

## Catherine Stinn, 90

March 5, 1920 - Oct. 19, 2010

**PANAMA** — Catherine Magdaline Stinn, one of twelve children born to John and Marie (Gerlach) Reisz, was born on March 5, 1920 in Panama. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Panama.

April 14, 1942, Catherine was united in marriage to Alfred Stinn at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. Six children were born to this union: Allan, Patty Jo, John, Sarah, Jennifer and Maurice. After their marriage, they continued to live in Panama where Catherine was an active member of the church. She stayed at home for some time before becoming the cook at St. Mary's School. Catherine was known as an excellent cook and had the reputation of having the best food in any school. Even at home she took great pride in her Hungarian goulash, strudel and butter kypfels. She was also an avid gardener with a beautiful assortment of plants both inside and outside the house. She was famous for raising orchids, roses and violets and was always complimented on her beautiful flowers. Another interest for her was the sewing circle at church and their quilting sessions. She was proud of her needle work and presented her family with many quilts. Catherine died at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, having attained the age of ninety years, seven months and fourteen days.



In addition to her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by her son John, her daughter Patty Jo, her husband Alfred and siblings, John Jr., Anna, Joe, Rev. Adam, Theresa, Frank, Marie, Carl, Walter and Leonard. She is survived by her children: Allan and his wife Jean of Noblesville, IN; Sarah and her husband Mike Oebser of Mounds View, MN; Jennifer and her husband Charvin Dixon of Brandon, SD and Maurice Stinn and his wife Phyllis of Mount Vernon, WA; her grandchildren: Paul, Ann, John, Tajanna, Tyler and Kyle; three great grandchildren: Tyler, Rebecca and Guy Allan; her sister Elizabeth Steffen of New Hampton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. John Dorton and concelebrated by Rev. Howard Fitzgerald at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Panama. Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama with Phil Reisz, Kevin Reisz, Bill Reisz, Tom Steffen, Ken Mickels and Ed Hastert serving as casket bearers.

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